Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at p. 1, ll. 5 – 12 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 09/899,004 entitled "BISTABLE MIRROR WITH CONTACTLESS STOPS," filed July 3, 2001 and is ~~being filed concurrently with~~ related to the following U.S. Patent Applications and Patents: U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 09/899,002, entitled "MEMS-BASED NONCONTACTING FREE-SPACE OPTICAL SWITCH," filed July 3, 2001 by Bevan Staple and Richard Roth~~, Attorney Docket Number 19930-002500~~; U.S. Pat. No.6,614,581, entitled "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A MULTI-STOP MICROMIRROR," filed July 30, 2001 by David Paul Anderson~~, Attorney Docket Number 19930-003000~~; and U.S. Pat. No. 6,625,342, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR OVERCOMING STICTION USING A LEVER," filed July 3, 2001 by Bevan Staple, David Paul Anderson and Lilac Muller~~, Attorney Docket Number 19930-003100~~; all of which are herein incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes.

Please replace the paragraph at p. 12, ll. 16 – 26 with the following amended paragraph:

Tilting micromirrors according to the embodiments described above, and their equivalents, may be used in numerous applications as parts of optical switches, display devices, or signal modulators, among others. One particular application of such tilting micromirrors is as optical switches in a wavelength router such as may be used in fiber-optic telecommunications systems. One such wavelength router is described in detail in U.S. Pat. No. 6,501,877 ~~the copending, commonly assigned United States Patent Application, filed November 16, 1999 and assigned Serial No. 09/442,061~~, entitled "Wavelength Router," which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety, including the Appendix, for all purposes. The various

micromirror embodiments may be used in that wavelength router or may be incorporated into other wavelength routers as optical switches where it is desirable to avoid stiction problems